



CAPT. FORKUM.

FOOTBALL.

The first game of the season of 1904 for both State and the University of Pennsylvania, was played at Philadelphia on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The final score of 6 to 0, was as surprising as it was gratifying to the student body. While our team was big and busy, it was generally thought that in playing ability, it was much below that of former years. For the last three or four seasons, teams that were considered equal if not better than any that have ever been put out of this college, have gone down to Penn and been ignominiously defeated. This year, with a team that had never played a game, with several new and untried players, we put up a game that not only had them guessing, but was of much better quality than our opponents exhibited for the greater part of the contest. This brings one thing out clearly. That we have a far better team than we thought we had and that the boys are deserving of the hearty support of every man in the college. It matters not, nor detracts one whit from the showing made by State on Saturday, that Penn has a weak team. Our strength stood out all the more clearly because of that. It is the only regret of every man who played in that

game, that they did not better seize their opportunity to defeat Penn or at least prevent them from scoring. It is now up to every man who wants to see our team complete the most successful season it has ever experienced, to get out on Beaver field in the afternoon and cheer on the players, both Varsity and college, in their daily practice. It is the knowledge that the students are back of them and appreciate their good works, that puts spirit and life into a team.

Coach Fennell, when asked about the team, the new players and the season's prospects was very reticent about expressing his views. He said, however, "I have not much to say at this time about the prospects as I have not seen the team under fire enough yet. As for the men they are not very heavy, but seem made of the right stuff." When asked about the showing made against Penn, he said, "I was very much pleased with their work, but it was almost entirely due to the 'spirit' with which State went into the game and which never diminished until the whistle sounded the end of the contest. All the credit for the good work at Penn belongs to Captain Forkum and the players themselves."

Manager Smith and Captain Forkum were also highly pleased with the work of the team and believe that the present season, if the men keep up the way they have begun, will be the most successful in the history of the college.

FIELD NOTES.

The "college team" seems a much better name for the second team than "scrub." The latter is a lowly designation for a most worthy and indispensable body of men. We suggest therefore that "the college team" be used when referring to the second team.

Saunders is running the team in good shape this year. He should certainly land his "S."

Campbell played a great game at Penn on Saturday. Unless he takes a big slump, he has his position clinched.

Since a cheer leader has been elected there ought to be more systematic rooting done along the side lines. "Practice makes perfect."

The game with Allegheny on to-day should be a good one. They played a strong article of football last year.

Last year we had 600 down at Williamsport. This year we ought to have even more.

TRACK WORKS.

Captain Hornbaker of the track team issued a call for fall practice last week and has had quite a number of candidates on the field. The incoming class contains some promising men, among whom are Wright, Van Horn and Ross, from Mercersburg Academy. Wright comes with a high reputation. "Bugs" Arnold is back again and seems to be in better trim than ever. Cross-country runs and warming up practice has been the daily program. Altogether the prospects are bright for a good team next spring.

COACH FENNELL.

Few of the students here know that Thomas Fennell, the football coach, is quite a famous athlete. He is a graduate of Cornell '96, taking his master's degree there in '97. During his college course he played centre, guard, and full back respectively on the football team, was a first class track man, and rowed No. 7 on the crew that Cornell sent to England to race at Henley in '97. Since graduation he has been practicing law at his home in Elmira, N. Y., and the football authorities here were enabled to secure him only through the earnest solicitation of his friend Dan Reed, who coached last year's team. Mr. Fennell is already very popular with the team and the students who honor him. If anyone can turn out a winning team here, he certainly is the man to do it.